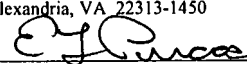


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of 24 July 2007 for the above-captioned application, enclosed are the following:

- Amendment
- Copy of PTO/SB/08B
- Copies of two publications

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office action issued 24 July 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.